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65. *Improvements to the Vaikam Town.*

Mr. N. Narayana Pillai (Member, Vaikam Taluk) said that the following public works were necessary for the improvement of the town of Vaikam:—

(1) widening of the road from the western gate of the temple to the backwater landing;

(2) construction of a pier, rebuilding of the shed and construction of a public well at the landing;

(3) filling up the trench over the outlet drain from the Vaikam tank in the interests of sanitation;

(4) improvement of the Ayarkulam, Arattukulam and Mookambikulam tanks; and

(5) construction of public latrines in the town.

Dewan's reply.—None of the works 1 to 4 appear to be really necessary. A latrine will be provided near the backwater.

ETTUMANUR TALUK.

66. *Establishment of a dispensary at Ettumanur.*

Mr. Raman Narayanan (Member, Ettumanur Taluk) said that the necessity for a dispensary at Ettumanur was represented at the last three sessions of the Assembly and the replies given were that the taluk could well be served by the hospitals at Kottayam and Meenachil, 7 and 10 miles from Ettumanur. The Member said that the above distances were calculated from the Ettumanur Taluk Cutcherry and that the hospitals were actually about 16 miles from the habitations of the poor people of the taluk. He therefore prayed that the matter might be reconsidered and a dispensary ordered to be opened in the heart of the taluk.

Dewan's reply.—Noted.

67. *Grievances connected with the settlement of the Ettumanur taluk.*

Mr. Chacko Chacko (Member, Ettumanur Taluk) said that the ryots of the taluk were put to much hardship and loss in several ways owing to the settlement having been conducted partly under the old rules and partly under the new rules prescribed in 1904. The grievances of the ryots had been represented at the last three sessions of the Assembly, and the ryots had not received any relief from the Additional Assistants as anticipated, for want of sufficient time to prefer their objections to the latter. There were several irregularities at the settlement. Pazhanilam remissions were not allowed; excesses over registered holdings were treated either as puduvals or recorded as porambokes; jenmam lands were recorded as puduvals and puduvals as jenmam; thiruppuvaram dues were not allowed; in fact, there were

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several matters in which the ryots had a real grievance. He therefore requested that an experienced Tahsildar might be appointed as Special Officer to enquire into the complaints of the ryots and grant them such relief as he might consider reasonable. The officer might be appointed for a specified period, and till he finished his work, the collection of the new tax in the taluk might be postponed.

Dewan's reply.—The settlement work in the taluk has been finished. The settlement cannot be reopened.

KOTTAYAM TALUK.

68. Improvement of canals.

Mr. C. Cheriyan (Member, Kottayam Taluk) requested that the Pallikonam Chengalam, Clapally, Thiruvarpu and Thattunkal canals might be repaired and maintained.

Dewan's reply.—Government are prepared to make an allotment for the division. As regards the works mentioned by the Member, they may be considered at the meeting which is to be shortly held for the purpose. The Member may urge the importance of the works at the meeting.

69. Repair of roads.

Mr. C. Cheriyan (Member, Kottayam Taluk) requested that the Kumarakom and Thiruvarpu roads might be repaired and the encroachments on both sides removed.

Dewan's reply.—These works may also be considered at the meeting.

70. Resuscitation of the weaving industry in Kottayam.

Mr. C. P. Thomas (Member, Town Improvement Committee, Kottayam) said that, as Mr. Mamman Mappilla had already spoken about the necessity for State aid to industries, he had only to request that the weaving industry at Kottayam might receive consideration when any general scheme was framed by Government. He added that the industry once flourished in the taluk but private enterprise, left to itself, proved futile, unless it was encouraged and supported by Government.

Dewan's reply.— Noted.

CHANGANACHERY TALUK.

71. Establishment of a Munsiff's Court at Changanachery.

Mr. K. Parameswaran Pillai (Member, Changanachery Taluk) said that the people of the taluk had been praying for the establishment of a Munsiff's Court at Changanachery for the last twenty years. The question was also brought up at the second and third sessions of the Assembly and consideration was promised. He requested that the matter might be settled without delay.

Dewan's reply.—The suggestion of the Member will be communicated to the High Court.

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